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SUBJECT: Formatting of APEX Document Control Numbers

REFERENCE: USAF/INS Memorandum, dtd 5 November 1980,
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1. The Chief, Special Security Center, has referred the referenced memorandum to the APEX Control Staff for action. The basic premise of separating a lengthy number to reduce the possibility of error is well-founded.

2. Unfortunately, the dashes and slashes recommended count as spaces, and DIA, for one, cannot accommodate more than 12 spaces in its numbering system. The current APEX numbering concept provides for a repeating block of numbers each year, and the numbers should not exceed 12 digits in any foreseeable year. Finally, the separation of government control numbers in the suggested manner might tend to make them look like contractor numbers, with the possibility of resulting confusion.

3. For the reasons in paragraph 2, I regret that the suggestion does not appear suitable for adoption. Your interest in the program is appreciated, however, and I hope you will continue to consider ways to improve the implementation of the APEX system.

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